

SOME RHODE ISLAND GRASSES.— The following grasses appear to be new to the recorded flora of Rhode Island.

*Puccinellia paupercula alaskana*.<sup>1</sup> This plant occurs at Westerly, where it is the prominent grass on a large, sand-coated marsh, growing with *Spergularia leiosperma*, *S. salina*, *Suaeda linearis* and other saline species.

*Panicum virgatum cubense*. This variety occurs associated with the species at Westerly. Mrs. Agnes Chase, who has kindly examined specimens from Westerly, states that they are exactly like Graves, 244, Groton, Connecticut, August 16, 1901.<sup>2</sup> Both have the narrow panicle and small spikelets of var. *cubense*, but the glumes and sterile lemma are more pointed than in characteristic var. *cubense* from New Jersey southward. Mrs. Chase adds that they are, however, nearer to the variety than they are to the species.

*Panicum oricola*. This species is abundant in Westerly at several stations along the shore of the Sound. Specimens have been verified by Mrs. Chase.— R. W. WOODWARD, New Haven, Connecticut.

A NEW VARIETY OF *TRIOSTEUM AURANTIACUM*.— In central New York there are two well marked forms of *Triosteum aurantiacum* which do not seem to intergrade to any appreciable extent. Both are about equally common. The two types differ in the lower surface of the leaves as follows: typical form of the species, leaves densely velvety-canescens beneath.

Var. **glaucescens**, var. nov., foliis subtus glabris aut ad venas sparse pilosis.

Leaves glabrous beneath or sparsely pilose along the veins.— Common in central New York. The only other specimen seen is from "South Mountain above Penryn, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, May 1891" Heller & Halbach. TYPE (in herb. N. Y. State Col. of Agric. Ithaca): rich bottomland, Paine's Creek, Ledyard, Cayuga County, New York, June 20, 1916, K. M. Wiegand, no. 7196.

In 1836, Rafinesque (New Flora N. A. Pt. 2, p. 35-37) published six new names in *Triosteum* but I cannot definitely ascribe any of these either to *T. aurantiacum* or the present variety, though probably Rafinesque had at least one of these plants in hand.— K. M. WIEGAND, Cornell University.

<sup>1</sup> Fernald & Weatherby, RHODORA, xviii. 18 (1916).

<sup>2</sup> North American Panicum, Hitchcock & Chase, Contrib. U. S. Nat. Herb. xv. 92 (1910).